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During this anniversary year, the Consulate General recognizes each month the unique contributions of a U.S. citizen in strengthening this friendship.

July 2013

The Consulate recognizes Rebecca Weldon for her work in preserving the history and culture of northern Thailand

Museologists Rebecca Weldon-Sithiwong, a longtime resident of Chiang Rai, and Full-bright scholar, Nakorn Pongnoi, a native of Chiang Mai, have worked together for decades finding, preserving, and sharing historic artifacts and information of importance to Lanna-Thai culture. Through the support of the Mae Fah Luang Foundation, the Informal Northern Thai Group, the Prince Mahidol of Songkla Museum Project, and

many other projects like it, they help reconnect northern Thais of today to the distinct beauty and rich history of Lanna. Their efforts are contributing to a flourishing Lanna Renaissance, which is inspiring artists, writers, thinkers, and educators throughout Thailand and abroad. Discover more about Lanna and take part in this on-going renaissance by visiting museums and Lanna events. For more information, try an online search of the projects and organizations listed above.



Rebecca Weldon-Sithiwong takes Ambassador Kristie Kenney on a tour at the Haw Kham (Golden Pavilion) in Chiang Rai, housing Buddhist artifacts dating back to the 17th century.



HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirinthorn and the Director of the Mae Fah Luang Art and Cultural Park, Mr. Nakorn Pongnoi.